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Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration

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RE: Finance Docket No.: 34672

Dear Linda,

Based on the information we have at this time, we anticipate that analysis of potential environmental impacts associated with the contemplated change in track ownership between Rockview and Sikeston, Missouri would include examination of the rail lines between Rockview and Sikeston, Sikeston and Dexter, and Rockview and Dexter. Some of the information that we anticipate needing for these rail lines to conduct the environmental analysis is listed below. We anticipate compiling some of this information from public sources, when available, but in the interest of efficiency, we would appreciate receiving any such information that Union Pacific Railroad may have compiled. Consistent with 40 CFR 1506.5(a), we will verify the information that you provide.

Current and planned future operations on each line

- Timetable(s)
- Operating characteristics (e.g., signal systems, speed limits and typical operating speeds through each highway/rail at-grade crossing)
- Average number of trains per day (# northbound and # southbound)
- Number and type of locomotives per train
- Average length (including # of cars and average car length) of northbound trains
- Average length (including # of cars and average car length) of southbound trains

For each existing highway/rail at-grade-crossing:

- FRA crossing number
- Street name (or highway number)
- Public and private
- Average daily traffic (ADT) and year of the ADT data
- Accident data (consistent with MoDOT risk model input requirements)
- Number of roadway lanes
- Existing level-of-service, if determined by MoDOT.
- Existing safety protection

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Potential crossing changes

- At-grade crossings that may be grade-separated or closed
- Contemplated (subject to MoDOT approval) changes to safety equipment at at-grade crossings and resulting potential for a “no horn” crossing

New Construction

- Maps/drawings show location of new construction

I request that you send this material to Mr. Alan Summerville of ICF Consulting at 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia, 22031. Please feel free to contact me at (202) 565-1542 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Glidden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Cc: Alan Summerville